



# Hyponatremia

False hyponatremia

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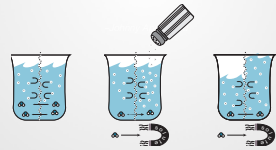
## True hyponatremia

Low serum sodium concentration associated with

➔ low osmolality

➔ low tonicity

causes water to move into the cells



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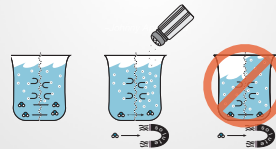
## False hyponatremia

Low serum sodium concentration associated with

➔ normal or high osmolality

➔ normal or high tonicity

Does NOT causes water to move into the cells



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### False hyponatremia

- Water does doesn't move into the cells
- ➔ • Water doesn't move at all **Pseudohyponatremia**
- Water moves out of the cells **Factitious hyponatremia**

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### False hyponatremia Pseudohyponatremia

- **Osmolality and tonicity are normal**
- lab measurement error from an increase in:
  - immunoglobulin
  - lipids

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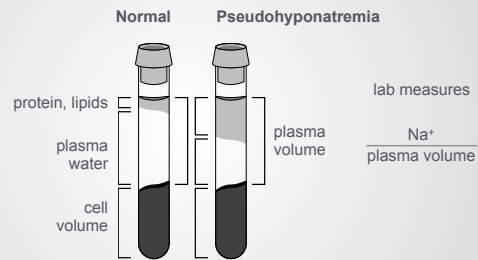
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**False hyponatremia Pseudohyponatremia**

- Hyperlipidemia
- Increased protein
- multiple myeloma
- IVIG
- Modern lab equipment with direct ion detection are not susceptible to this error



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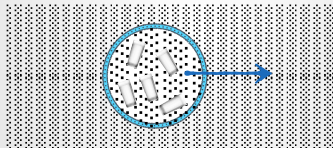
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**False hyponatremia Factitious hyponatremia**



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**False hyponatremia** Factitious hyponatremia

- Hyperglycemia
- Mannitol
- Glycine

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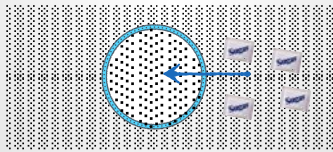
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**False hyponatremia** Factitious hyponatremia

Hyperglycemia in the presence of insulin doesn't move water.  
Glucose in the presence of insulin is an ineffective osmole.



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**False hyponatremia** Factitious hyponatremia

For every 100 mg/dL the blood sugar rises over  
100 the serum sodium falls 1.6 mmol/L

serum sodium 128 + = 133  
blood sugar of 400 adjusted sodium

3 x 1.6 = 4.8  
100's above 100

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